

Dinassovica jourdani at North Green Head.—While visiting North Green Head in September 1961, in the company of Julian Ford and my son, Lindsay, I inspected a number of shells collected locally by a fisherman's wife.

A number of these showed a northern influence, eg, a *Nautilus* over eight inches in diameter, specimens of *Cymbiola nivosa* and a *Mystaponda vitellus*.

The collection contained eleven fine specimens of *Dinassovica jourdani*. As we showed some interest in these, the owner offered us four, which we accepted. In reply to my enquiries regarding this species the fisherman informed me that during the crayfishing season he finds two or three individuals a week in his pots. If he requires a specimen, he removes the "button", i.e. the operculum, and leaves the shell in the pot until it is next raised, when the shell will be perfectly clean.

It would appear that in this area the species is reasonably frequent in, I should judge, five or six fathoms.

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Brush Bronzewing (*Phaps elegans*) in the South-West.—In *Birds of Western Australia* Serventy and Whittell state that this species is "now scarcely ever seen except along the south coastal districts." This appears to be quite correct, but I found the species in moderate numbers about the swamps eight miles west of Busseton in January 1955 and again in January 1959.

On December 29, 1959 my son Lindsay and I saw one at Preston Beach, south of Mandurah.

Three birds seen separately at Freshwater Point, south of Dongara, on September 1, 1961, were almost certainly of this species.

On January 10, 1963, at Salt River, south of Gnowangerup, we obtained excellent views of several birds by a road through the mallee.

My only other South-Western records relate to Two People Bay and the Esperance area.

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